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TOPIC: Soviet Troops in Vienna and Traiskirchen

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Vienna.

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1. On 18 September 1951, no training activity was observed on the drill ground of the Throst Kaserne in Vienna. Nine motor vehicles stood in the billeting area, while a T-34 tank [redacted] was observed in front of the installation. Five tank trucks, [redacted] and truck [redacted] were seen at the fuel dump in the billeting area. No motor vehicles stood on the yard of the garage near the water tower on Windten Strasse, and only four trucks [redacted] were observed in the garage. 50X1-HUM
2. About 25 trucks, including some which were freshly painted and numbered, stood in the garage on Pernerstorferstrasse. [redacted]

3. The garage on Alxinger Strasse was only lightly occupied. No activity was observed in the workshops. Motor vehicles observed included 5 lightly armored vehicles with revolving square turret and a spare wheel on the slanting rear armor. [redacted] some of the personnel operating the garage were absent. 50X1-HUM

4. Ambulances [redacted], truck [redacted] and van-like truck [redacted] with a chimney, were parked in front of the hospital on Leibnitzgasse. The motor pool of the hospital appeared to be located at 34 Leibnitz Strasse, where trucks [redacted] were seen hauling ration supplies. 50X1-HUM

5. The bakery on Davidgasse seemed to be out of operation. [redacted] some of the troops regularly stationed in Vienna X had been transferred or were temporarily absent. * 50X1-HUM

6. About 10 August, a building on Ungert Strasse in Vienna, which had previously quartered a Soviet motor transport battalion or elements of it, was handed over to the Austrian administration. **

Traiskirchen.

7. On 21 September, the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt (federal boarding school) in

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Traiskirchen (O 49/X 37) was still occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Officers observed there within an hour and a half included 1 colonel, 3 lieutenant colonels and 23 others, all with red-bordered black epaulets and some with artillery insignia. Trucks parked in the garages [redacted]

Trucks [redacted] both driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were observed in the barracks traffic. About 40 soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some receiving mortar training, were seen at the drill ground. No changes were observed at the large radio station. ***

Tribuswinkel Castle (O 49/X 36) was apparently unoccupied. Truck [redacted] occupied by 15 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, was seen entering the installation.

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Comment. [redacted] troops were absent from Vienna on 10 September, although the 44th Gds Mecz Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div had still been in the barracks in mid-August. [redacted] This would account for the light occupation of the garage on Alvinger Strasse and the suspension of operations in the bakery on Davidgasse.

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Comment. Probably elements of the 722d Motor Trans Bn of the 13th Gds Mecz Div were located in this building. The bulk of the battalion is believed to be quartered in the Wilhelm Kaserne and the Albrecht Kaserne on Engert Strasse.

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Comment. No reports obtained during the past summer indicated that the 45th Gds Mecz Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div in Traiskirchen had left its quarters for summer training.

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